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I became so enthusiastic about this business and so appreciative of what it has brought my family that, whenever a man opened a dealership near me, I helped

him get a quick start.

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children. Then one day I was reading a magazine just as you now are and I saw an ad. It intrigued me. It offered me the steadily growing income I had always hoped for. It said I would have greater security and personal independence ... and that's what I had been wanting.

I was a little skeptical but I said to myself, "for a postage stamp I can find out." So I mailed the coupon. In a few days, I got a letter with a booklet that gave the whole story. It opened my eyes. I could see why owning my own business was so much easier than I had always thought...why the day to day guidance of a successful

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#### present job, profitable business

#### by Bob Ferrel

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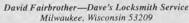
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### EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

#### Peter King

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Captain Louis Albano threw the cigar to the floor and twisted it into the carpet with his heel, as if trying to bury a bad memory.

I knew something must have been deeply wrong with Albano, because the cigar was only seven-eighths smoked. The Captain usually likes to smoke his stoogies further.

I was in Albano's house in Mt. Vernon, New York. Cigars littered the carpet of his living room. The only decoration on the wall was an unframed painting of Millard Fillmore, who Albano claimed was his favorite president. When I walked up to the painting to examine it, I noticed it wasn't a painting at all. It was a jigsaw puzzle. Somewhere behind me, in the middle of the room, Albano heaved a great sigh. It sounded like the death gasp of a wounded water buffalo.

"How could he do that to me?" Albano said, his eyes getting moist.

"How could George Steele do that to me?" I sat down and asked Albano
what Steele had done to him. "He came back to the WWF," said Albano,
dabbing his eyes with a handkerchief, "and didn't use me as his manager."

So that's what was bothering the Captain. His long-time charge Steele was now under the tutelage of Fred Blassie. As I understood it, Steele's contract was given to Blassie because Albano was busy with the Moondogs and King Kong Mosca. But the Captain sees it differently.

"He was like a son to me, a brother, well, maybe like my Uncle
Morris," Albano said, getting angry. "And now, my own little Animal
has run away. I know how that little Bo Peep musta felt." I started
to ask Albano another question, but he just jumped up screaming, "It's
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IKE ALL CURIOUS journalists, I was determined to find out exactly what happened with Tommy Rich, exactly what made him turn bad, what convinced him to turn good. Other members of our staff have their opinions. I have mine. But I wanted someone else's opinion. I wanted someone who has known Tommy Rich a long time.

So I traveled to Memphis, an absolutely lovely place in the spring. I had the name of a Tommy. As good as Tommy was, in sports and all, and as popular a fella as he was among all the guys and girls in town, he always wanted to be more."

I pressed for elaboration. Alvin hunched forward.

"Well now, Tommy could get a 95 in some history test or algebra. Now, I know I'd be tickled pink to get that kinda grade. But Tommy would get this sad sorta face and mumble how it was still five points away from a hundred. Or he'd be



Ivan Koloff, bleeding from the forehead, backs into the corner as Tommy Rich goes on the attack (above). Koloff found out first-hand why Tommy has been nicknamed "Wildfire." Rich's robe (below) describes his fiery personality.

boyhood pal of Rich's written on a slip of paper neatly tucked inside my wallet.

Alvin Jones.

"Hi, come on in, please, make yourself comfy," Jones said. He was slender, with a blotch of freckles across his pale, pleasant face. I sat down on the couch and immediately a pitcher of lemonade and a plate of butter cookies appeared on the coffee table. "Well, you said you wanted to talk about Tommy, right?" I nodded. "Well, me and Tommy are good buddies, but one thing that always made our friendship so fine was the honesty, so you can shoot anythin' you want and I'll be happy to oblige."

The first question was obvious. Why did he turn bad?

"I'll tell you somethin' about



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# Behind the Dressing Room Door by Stu Saks

T WAS ONLY 10 minutes past our scheduled meeting time and already I was growing concerned. It was not at all like Ivan Putski to be late.

Putski was scheduled as my interview for this month's "Hotseat." But the seat remained very cold and very empty. For the 10th time, I went over my list of questions. There was little else to do as I sat impatiently in the interview room of our New York office.

I buzzed my secretary on the intercom for what must have been the fifth time. "Any word from Putski, Dinah?"

"Nothing, Stu, I'll let you know if he calls."

I wasn't too concerned about the interview; I had better than a week before my deadline. But when Ivan Putski doesn't fulfill an obligation, and he doesn't even call, something must be very, very wrong.

Something was.

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I finally tracked Ivan down in Houston, Texas, and he was very embarrassed. "Stu," he said meekly, "I'm very sorry I did that to you, but I had to. I couldn't stay in the WWF any longer. I just couldn't."

Putski was not making himself very clear. After all, he had only been back in the WWF for a couple of months after spending almost half a year in Texas. He seemed so anxious to get back to the Northeast. I remember him reading me a lengthy list of rulebreakers who, as he phrased it, "need a touch of Polish Power."

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By now, everyone knows what happened. Sgt. Slaughter offered Pat Patterson \$10,000 if



Patterson could break free from Slaughter's Cobra Clutch. Like maggots to a carcass, the bounty attracted the likes of Garea, Martel, and DeNucci. In their evil minds, they hatched a plot.



The controversy rages: Did Pat Patterson escape the Cobra Clutch or did Sgt. Slaughter mercifully let him go? Patterson appears to be flipping Slaughter out of the hold (left). Rick Martel, Tony Garea, and Dominic DeNucci rush to Patterson's aid as Slaughter goes wild after the challenge (above).

The night of the match, Slaughter got Patterson in his Cobra hold. Pat the Pathetic struggled manfully but couldn't escape. Slaughter felt the man weakening. If he kept up the pressure, Slaughter knew Patterson couldn't survive the night.

Sgt. Slaughter is a brutal grappler, but he's no killer. He released Patterson before the man died. Patterson repaid the kindness by pretending he escaped from the hold.

demanding the 10 grand. This is the usual way a man like Patterson repays an act of mercy.

Slaughter was rightfully enraged. He resumed his attack on Patterson. The cunning coward had planned for such an eventuality. No sooner was Slaughter on the attack than Patterson's goon squad attacked Slaughter. Martel, Garea, and DeNucci did what they were paid to do. Patterson managed to

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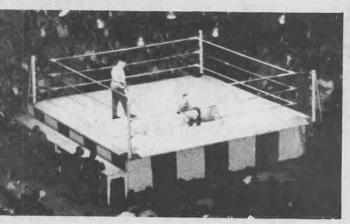
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#### RACE CHEATS?

I read your story about Harley Race and Ric Flair, "Ric Flair Shatters the Myth of Harley Race" (April/1981). I think that Harley Race cheats his way past his challengers. When he is getting



Reader Brian Cronin has little regard for a champion who must resort to getting himself disqualified to retain his belt, as Harley Race did to keep his NWA title from Ric Flair.

beaten, he will push the referee and get himself disqualified.

Or Race will brawl it out so the referee will have to call a double disqualification. Race might have one or two no-disqualification title matches, but not too many.

BRIAN CRONIN Buffalo, NY

#### A LITTLE BOY

I just finished reading the March 1981 issue. After reading the "Hotseat" interview with Tommy Rich, I laughed for nearly an hour. Here's a man, better yet, a little boy, who doesn't know the first thing about wrestling or guts. That spastic has no moves or holds whatsoever.

I'm on crutches now, and I can beat Rich. In fact, my greatgrandmother can beat Rich, and she'd dead. Rich's mother ought to be ashamed of him.

Listen, Rich, why don't you get out of wrestling and into another profession?

> DANNY CAPORRELLI E. Brunswick, NJ

#### BEST EVER

I want to say one thing to all the wrestling fans out there: I think WWF champions Rick Martel and Tony Garea are the best thing that ever happened to professional

wrestling.

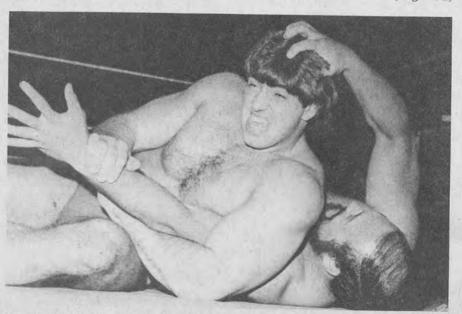
Tony Garea is very experienced. This is the third time he's held a tag team title, and he knows the ropes. And they aptly call Rick Martel a "house of fire." Well, need I say more? Well, I will.

Never in my entire life have I ever seen anyone with moves like Rick Martel. I think he and Tony are the greatest. Please have more about them in future issues.

TAMMY HANNEN Washington, PA

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Unfortunately, Garea and Martel are no longer the WWF tag team champions, having lost their titles to Lou Albano's Moondogs. At the current time, the future plans of Garea and Martel are unclear.)

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Former WWF Tag Team Champions Rick Martel (armlocking Jose Estrada, above) and Tony Garea have a loyal fan in Tammy Hannen.

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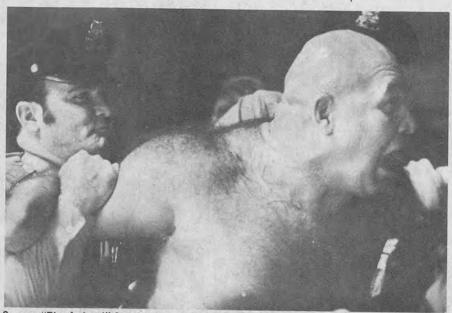
#### SCOOP OF THE MONTH

George Steele, one of wrestling's most noted rule-breakers, is back in the WWF after a self-imposed exile during which he spent six months living, dressing, and behaving like a scarecrow!

Steele's motivation apparently came from the movie *Wizard of Ox*, in which one of the characters is named Scarecrow.

"He put all this straw all over his clothing and stood in front of his house for hours at a time without moving a muscle," said one of Steele's Detroit neighbors who insisted on anonymity. "No one had the nerve to ask him if he was okay,





George "The Animal" Steele goes on the rampage and has to be restrained by the cops! As we all know, George, whose diet includes turnbuckle stuffing, is back in the WWF. Not only is George doing strange things in the ring, now his neighbors at home are complaining about his behavior!

so he just kept doing it. He had a real strange face on, and one time I heard him humming the tune, "If I Only Had a Brain."

Further reports indicate Steele played Judy Garland records at blaring sound levels at all hours of the night, and was rarely seen without a copy of playwright Arthur Miller's "The Crucible."

Steele's strange behavior has not changed him in the squared circle. He still exhibits the same animalistic behavior and maniacal approach as he always did. When asked by a reporter why he spent six months as a scarecrow, all Steele could say was, "Who?"

A call to the proper authorities in Detroit revealed

little. The entire city knew what Steele was doing, but no one was quite sure what to do about it.

"He wasn't breaking the law so the police didn't step in," said another neighbor. "And I don't think the people who come in white coats and take you away wanted any part of him. After all, it wouldn't be fair to the other patients."

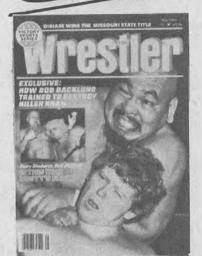
The neighbor did add, however, that Steele was considered to be a fire hazard.

What goes through George "The Animal" Steele's mind? Damned if I know. But if I ever find out, I'm going to demand that they give me the Nobel Prize.

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## NAMES MAKI

PAUL JONES and MASKED SUPERSTAR have regained the NWA world tag team title they lost to the GENE ANDERSON-managed team of IVAN KOLOFF and RAY STEVENS. Now that Jones and



**JONES & SUPERSTAR** 

Superstar are champions once more, they vow never to put the belts on the line against a team managed by Anderson. "That's fine with me," Anderson told us. "My brother Ole will come to the Mid-Atlantic and together we'll wrestle the belts away from those two losers. Hell, I'd rather be a champion then manage one anyway."

AWA champion VERNE GAGNE has announced that he will retire from pro wrestling in May. So, by the time you have read this, the king of the AWA may have already hung up his trunks. I feel, however, wrestling is too much a part of Verne, and if he does indeed retire, it won't be for long . . . "Some people just can't take a joke." That's the opinion of DUSTY RHODES. Dusty fooled everyone by donning a mask and

pretending to be Assassin #1. Well his disguise was so convincing, ASSASSIN #3 did not realize it was Rhodes under the hood as the two stood face to face during a television interview! Even SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK, the Assassins' manager was fooled! "It was a dirty prank," Humperdink blasted. "Not funny at all!"

DORY FUNK JR. has wrestled the CWA title away from BILLY ROBINSON in a high controversial match . . . LORD AL HAYS has left Florida and is now employed in the Mid-Atlantic region as a commentator on the weekly televised matches . . . PAMPERO FIRPO is terrorizing Texas rings . . . FRED BLASSIE has brought GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE back into the WWF.

RICK MARTEL and TONY GAREA are accepting more single matches now that they have lost the WWF tag team belts to THE



RICK MARTEL



PAMPERO FIRPO

MOONDOGS ... THE SPOILER is in Texas, and he is not speaking with manager, or should we say exmanager, GARY HART. Spoiler heard Hart tell a story that KABUKI, also managed by Hart, used to keep Spoiler in line when Hart had trouble with him. Spoiler says this is not true and has demanded a Death Match against Hart's Japanese charge.

WWF Champion BOB BACK-LUND is on the move again. As if challenges from KING KONG MOSCA, STAN HANSEN, and SGT. SLAUGHTER aren't enough, Bobby recently defended in the Mid-Atlantic against BOBBY DUNCUM and in Atlanta against IVAN KOLOFF . . . MIL MASCARAS made a very successful return to Madison Square Garden after a lengthy absence. WWF fans, crazy about his high-flying style, hope Mil will stay in the territory.

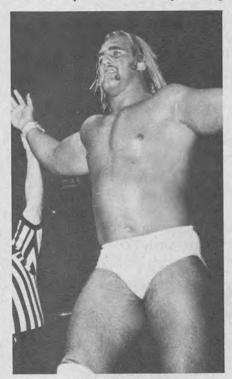
THE FABULOUS FREE-BIRDS say they were so impressed with the rulebreaking tactics TOMMY RICH displayed months ago in Tennessee, they are willing to make Rich the fourth Freebird if

### N' NEWS

Bill Apter reporting...

he will become a rulebreaker again. "No way in hell would I do that," Tommy assures his fans . . . BRAD ARMSTRONG is gunning for NWA Jr. Heavyweight Champion LES THORNTON . . . TERRY FUNK has accepted a series of matches against JERRY LAWLER in Tennessee.

HULK HOGAN will have a featured part in the upcoming



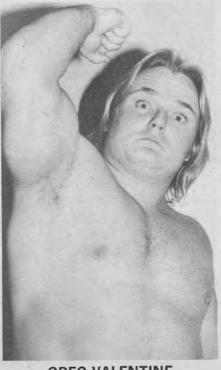
**HULK HOGAN** 

movie Rocky III. The movie stars Sly Stallone . . . TED DiBIASE is just getting back to action after a horrible incident that left him hospitalized for five days. Ted and JUNKYARD DOG were wrestling the Georgia Champion FREE-BIRDS. TERRY GORDY threw Ted out of the ring and piledrived him on the concrete floor. Then Gordy got back into the ring, and Ted, visibly wobbled, crawled back to continue! Gordy executed three more piledrivers, but Ted still



TED DIBIASE

wouldn't submit. Luckily, TOMMY RICH threw in the towel in DiBiase's behalf. Tommy was rushed to Crawford Long Hospital with severe back and neck injuries. "They'll pay for this in blood!" was all the usually mild-mannered DiBiase would say from his hospital bed.



**GREG VALENTINE** 



**BARRY WINDHAM** 

Sources say negotiations between THE GRAND WIZARD and GREG VALENTINE are nearly complete. They have been discussing Greg's possible return to the WWF and now it looks like a strong possibility that he will be in the area very soon . . . EDOUARD CARPENTIER is feuding with THE DESTROYER in Detroit . . . DICK THE BRUISER is also at war against the masked man.

LATE BULLETIN: BARRY WINDHAM, injured in an automobile accident, has had to forfeit his Florida state title. DORY FUNK JR. has been given the title by default. Details in our next edition.

That's all for now. See you next time! □



## matt Plans Brock's NING SILING SILING

NEW YORK, NY—Just when I was about to bury Lou Albano, he rises from the ashes of impending disaster like some overweight phoenix and regains the WWF tag team title. Actually, The Moondogs, Rex and King, regained the title, but no one for one little second thinks they had much to do with it. It's high time for the wrestling world to accord this demented madman Albano his just credit. Time after time,



**CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO** 

Albano has taken psycho-ward rejects, semihuman beings, arrogant stinkers, and savages, and molded them into champions. I don't know how he does it, but he does it. And in the competitive world of pro wrestling, the ultimate barometer is still success. So to you, Captain, I hoist my glass in salute. I might not like you. I find you personally distasteful. I think you're a clear and present danger to wrestling. But you are the most successful tag team manager in wrestling history.

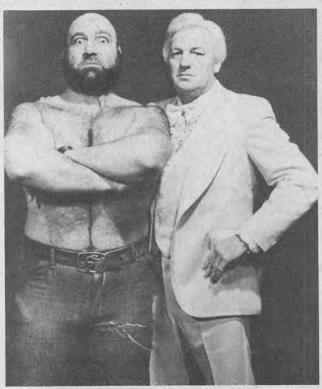
CHARLOTTE, NC-Supposed to get off at Richmond, but slept through. My bags are in Richmond and here I am in Charlotte, armed with a spare toothbrush and one sock stuffed into my coat pocket from a previous trip. Think it was 11 years ago. Tried to wash the sock in the airplane bathroom but couldn't get through the line. So once again, I'm in Richmond, I think, and pondering the new NWA tag team champions, Ivan Koloff and Ray Stevens. Who wants to lay 6-1 these guys are splitsville within two months? Neither man can be trusted. Both are vicious, treacherous fiends who'll slip a knife in a friend's back for a quarter or a laugh. If Masked Superstar and Paul Jones are intent on regaining their titles, all they have to do is wait for Koloff and Stevens to destroy each other. It'll happen within two months, ol' Matt predicts.



**RAY STEVENS & IVAN KOLOFF** 

Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor

ATLANTA, GA—Don Carson keeps piling up the meanies. Newest addition to the Carson stable is Jos LeDuc, a big lumberjack who reportedly saws through trees with his bare hands. LeDuc won't confirm or deny this bizarre



JOS LeDUC & DON CARSON

tale, but Carson rambles on and on about his newest man. With both Mongolian Stomper and Jos LeDuc, Carson has cornered the ugly market. Course, I'm saying that from behind a typewriter secure in the knowledge neither LeDuc nor Stomper can read. Carson can read but, if he doesn't see an accompanying picture, he brushes past the story. But what does Carson managing LeDuc do to the crazy Georgia wrestling scene? I've never been much impressed with LeDuc. I think agility and smarts can whip him. But with Carson behind him, well, maybe this is LeDuc's chance to become a great rulebreaker.

MIAMI, FL—Geez, it's hot down here. Nearly suffered third-degree burns when I fell asleep on the beach. It was dark when I laid down. Not so dark when I woke up and couldn't move my skin. A good alcohol rubdown helped. I even put a little on my body. As for wrestling, down here Mr. Wrestling II invades Florida intent on dismantling the tandem of Masked Assassin #1 and Masked Assassin #3. Now I've always been a big II fan, but I want to pencil in a negative word. I think II would stay in Georgia and allow men like Dusty Rhodes and Sweet Brown Sugar the pleasure of annihilating The Assassins and portly manager Oliver Humperdink.

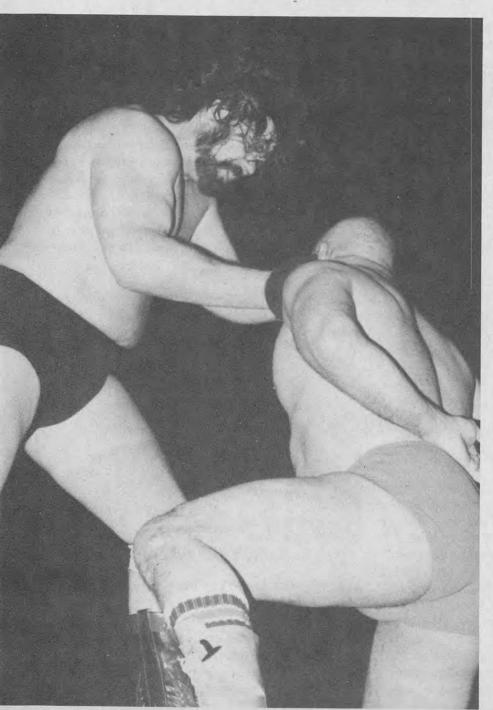
MINNEAPOLIS, MN—Call Baron Von Raschke whatever you want. But when it comes to loyalty, Baron has few peers. He came into the



**BARON VON RASCHKE** 

AWA to visit Mad Dog Vachon, once a friend when both were terrors. Now Vachon wrestles on the right side of the law. When healthy. Seems Vachon was cruelly injured by Crusher Blackwell. Baron learned of this. All the sadness he felt at Vachon's wrestling change vanished. Von Raschke vows to pay back Blackwell for his sadism. Talk about a war!

## BLACKJACK MULLIGAN: IS HE ABOUT TO TURN ON THE FANS? PHOTOS BY EDDIE CHESLOCK



WHAT IS DIFFERENT about these two accounts?

(A) Blackjack Mulligan glances down at ringside, up at the crowd, and toward his opponent. Without any advance notice, Mulligan surges across the squared circle and delivers a crushing blow to his foe's neck. With his opponent down, Mulligan persists in these super-aggressive tactics.

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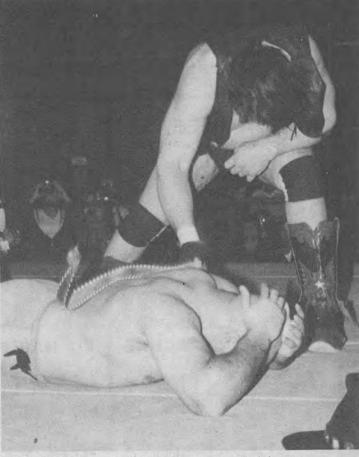
There is *no* difference. None at all. Except the element of time. In the first account, Mulligan was a dastardly villain intent of smashing skulls and wading in blood. In the second account, Mulligan is a fan favorite battling the forces of evil throughout the Mid-Atlantic area.

That raises the next disturbing question: Is Blackjack Mulligan about to turn his back on his fans and resume his life as fiendish rulebreaker?

"Absolutely not," yelled Mulligan.

But that snappish disclaimer fails to lay the rumors to rest. Mulligan, a man who once teamed with Blackjack Lanza to form a maniacal tag team, has changed in recent months. Can it be true? After winning back the hearts, minds, and trust of the fans, is Blackjack Mulligan about to turn on his adoring public? Mulligan says it isn't so. He angrily denies all charges. Yet the rumors grow and gain substance





Blackjack Mulligan's tactics have become so brutal, many are wondering how long it will be before the big Texan once again turns away from the fans. Blackjack bites the bald head of Hussein Arab (left) and whips him across the back with his leather belt (above).

Even Mulligan's friends are worried.

"I don't know, nothing you can put your finger on, really," said Ric Flair. "I hate to even go into it 'cause I don't want it to come out like I'm talkin' behind Blackjack's back. But he has been kinda different, maybe a little rougher lately, a little shorter with his friends. I don't know. Again, it's difficult to get a handle on."

Rick Steamboat echoes Flair's tentative assessment.

"Yeah, well, I'm real close buddies with Mulligan. I really respect him as a person," said Steamboat. "He does have the universal attitude and capacity to incorporate the vast complexities of the universe into simple, day-to-day living. Still, I do worry about the guy. He's been flying off the handle and going against all I believe he stands for."

"That's a lotta bull," shouted Mulligan.

Witness Mulligan's recent match, actually a war, against the lunatic from the Middle East, Hussein Arab. Mulligan simply shedded all regard for scientific wrestling and launched an all-out offensive against Arab which left ringside observers stunned by its fury.

"Last time I saw Mulligan like this, he was a rulebreaker," said a respected Mid-Atlantic wrestling journalist, Ike Oliver. "Watching Mulligan wrestle like that brought back bad memories of the way he used to be."

For a moment, let us consider the other side of the problem. Perhaps Mulligan has no intention of reverting back to rulebreaking. Perhaps there is a fundamental, logical reason for his bizarre, illogical behavior.

When Mulligan turned good guy, he vowed to prove to all the world his sincerity. And he vowed to take on the worst and meanest wrestlers around. No foe was too tough for Mulligan. He was

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## NEWS FROM THE

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#### MILWAUKEE, WI By Laura Zacharias



BARON VON RASCHKE vs.
CRUSHER BLACKWELL



Baron Von Raschke a fan favorite? He was when he took on Crusher Blackwell to get revenge for Mad Dog Vachon, seriously injured after a Blackwell attack. As soon as Blackwell entered the ring, Von Raschke attacked him. Obviously Von Raschke was interested in more than just victory. He wanted to hurt Blackwell. After inflicting a savage beating, Von Raschke started to apply the brain claw. Then John Studd interfered on Blackwell's behalf. Von Raschke then gave both of them the brain claw, sending Studd running and finishing off Blackwell for the win.

#### ATLANTA, GA By Steve Hendrix



VS.
TONY ATLAS



The highlight of an evening of main events at the Omni was a steel cage match for the NWA title between champion Harley Race and Tony Atlas. After a grueling match which had both men battered, Atlas snared Race in the sleeperhold. Harley was on his knees and all but finished. In desperation, Race smashed Atlas in the groin. This disgusting illegal tactic saved Race's belt and earned him the contempt of the crowd.

OTHER BOUTS: Dusty Rhodes whipped The Mongolian Stomper ... The Fabulous Freebirds won by disqualification over Junkyard Dog, Ted DiBiase, and Robert Fuller ... Steve Keirn beat Kevin Sullivan ... Dick Slater over Ole Anderson .

#### PHILADELPHIA, PA By Pat Crawford



BOB BACKLUND vs.
SGT. SLAUGHTER



It was an insane match between WWF champion Bob Backlund and vicious challenger Sgt. Slaughter. Right from the start, Slaughter used his rulebreaker tactics. That incensed Backlund, who went berserk and went at Slaughter with everything he had. At one point, Backlund tossed Slaughter from one end of the ring to the other. So infuriated was the champion, he flung Slaughter out of the ring and chased him. With the action continuing outside the squared circle, the referee declared a double countout.

## WRESTLING CAPITALS Febor Hurs



#### FT. LAUDERDALE,

**By Neal Blaustein** 



MANNY FERNANDEZ vs.
DICK SLATER



In a lights-out steel cage match with no time limit, no rules, and no disqualification, Manny Fernandez wrestled Dick Slater. Two months ago, Slater broke Fernandez's arm and the youngster was out for revenge. Immediately, the rulebook went out the steel cage as both men smashed each other. Frightened, Slater tried to climb out, but a bloodied Fernandez grabbed him back by his trunks. Slater slammed a hard right into Fernandez's head. Barely avoiding Slater's figure-four leglock, Fernandez retorted with his "Latin Lightning Football Stance," throwing Slater off-balance for the win.

LEXINGTON, KY
By Shelly Gill



JERRY LAWLER vs. JIMMY VALIANT



The main event pitted Jerry Lawler against 'Handsome' Jimmy Valiant. Before the match, Valiant seized the microphone and demanded the match have no time limit, no disqualification, and the loser had to leave town for six months. Lawler accepted. Valiant used a foreign object to gain an early advantage, but an enraged Lawler battled back, using his fists, to pound Valiant into submission and gain the victory.

OTHER BOUTS: Giant Frazier whipped Gypsy Joe . . . The Dream Machine beat Koko Ware . . . Wayne Farris defeated Ron Sexton . . . The Turk and El Florez overcame Sonny King and Thundercloud.

PEABODY, MA By Angelo Fuflis



BRUNO SAMMARTINO vs. STAN HANSEN



The main event put Bruno Sammartino and Stan Hansen in a steel cage together. Hansen showed his evil by attacking Bruno before the bell rang. But Bruno's shock proved temporary as he turned around and pounded Hansen throughout the match. After inflicting 15 minutes of savage punishment, Sammartino walked out of the cage the victor. But Hansen wasn't finished and attacked the referee.

OTHER BOUTS: The Moondogs beat Pedro Morales and Dominic DeNucci... The Hangman stopped Steve Keirn ... S.D. Jones beat Baron Scicluna ... Hulk Hogan vanquished John Callahan,... Frank Savage whipped Angelo Gomez .

## AFRAIDT GHAMPION!

LREADY, HE IS touted as the next wrestling superstar. In a young career filled with the heights of exhilaration and the depths of frustration, he has demonstrated finesse and ambition to fans across the country. But as remarkable as his talents are, it's his poise which stands above all the rest. He doesn't whine. Nor does he complain. He simply sets out to accomplish as much as he possibly can. He is Ted DiBiase.

#### INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY STU SAKS

- Q: Ted, thanks for coming here today.
- A: My pleasure, Stu, any time.
- Q: First off, how does it feel when people go around calling you the next superstar of the world?
- A: Real good, but you have to be careful not to let it get to you.
- Q: How so?

- A: Well, I think a swelled-head A: I lost a match (laughs). is the gravest danger any Q: Well, you never lost a great wrestler faces.
- Q: Were you guilty of that?
- A: Oh, when I first broke in, sure. I thought I was hot stuff. Hey, I was a professional wrestler,

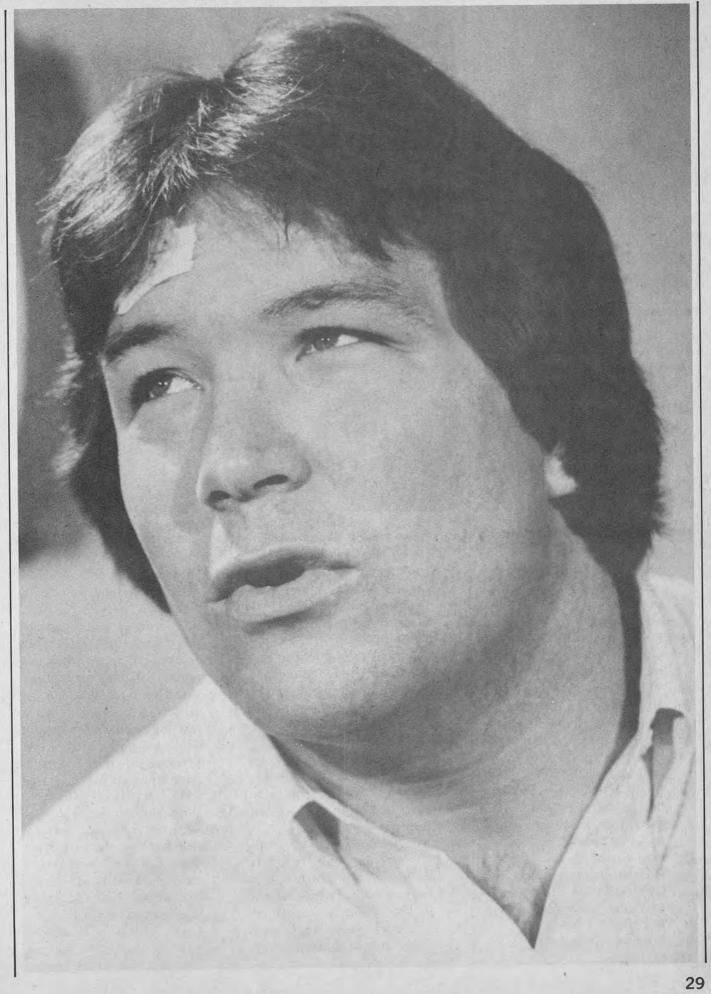
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all the girls were after me, I was clobbering opponents left and right. Yeah, for a while I had an ego problem.

0: What cured it?

- deal of matches
- A: No, not like that. But once you've felt the mat under your rear, it kinda gives you a whole different perspective.
- Q: And what was that?
- A: First off, I got real upset. I couldn't understand why I'd ever lose a match. I didn't do anything differently. Then I started getting angry and frustrated.
- O: Sounds familiar.
- You mean Tommy Rich, yeah, even when Tommy was at his worst, I never faulted him. I guess I understood. I was a little bit away from that myself.
- Q: Then why didn't you turn rulebreaker after suffering your first few losses?
- A: Just wouldn't let it happen. All my life, I'd disciplined myself to view wrestling, and



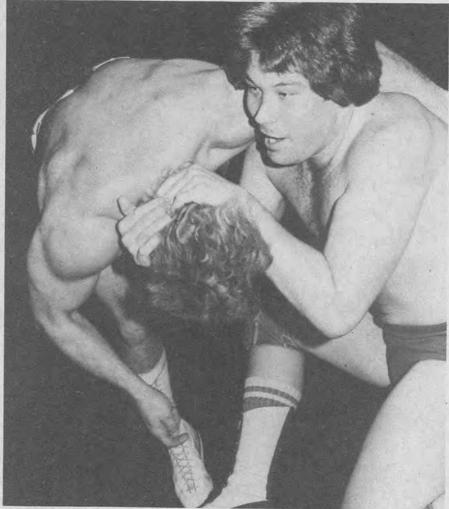


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life in general, in certain decent ways. I just couldn't imagine letting go of that and turning bad.

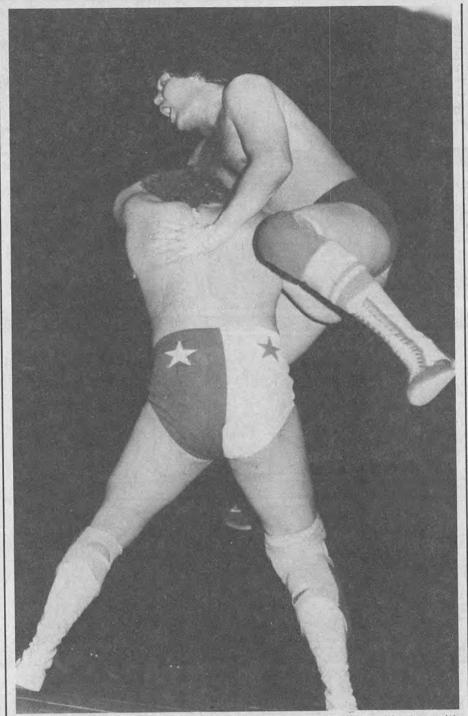
- Q: Okay, let's talk about your considerable accomplishments.
- A: That's fine with me.
- Q: How'd you feel the night you won the Missouri State title?
- A: Oh, there's really no way to accurately describe that. I felt like I, well, I felt so good, I couldn't believe it, the sense of accomplishment, even better than winning the North American title.
- Q: Why's that?
- A: Oh, because you always hear the history of the Missouri title and how it's a springboard to the NWA title.
- Q: Which is your goal?
- Oh, yeah.



At a young age, Ted DiBiase is proving himself to be a master at the science of professional wrestling. With a minimum of energy and the proper use of leverage, Ted brings Buddy Roberts to the canvas.

- Q: Let's get back to that in a Q: In Georgia, you've devoted minute. Right now you're feuding rather heavily in Georgia with The Fabulous A: Sure, sure, well, me and Freebirds.
- A: Fabulous to you, not to me.
- Q: Why aren't they Fabulous?
- A: Because they're freaks, circus performers, they're not wrestlers. A wrestler succeeds by fighting, not running. But The Freebirds don't know how to wrestle. I think The Freebirds are cowards.
- Q: Any one in particular you dislike?
- A: All of 'em. Hayes is a freak, a wimpering punk. Gordy is a disgrace and Roberts is a thug, a bum. Far as me and Robert Fuller are concerned, you can ship the whole lot of 'em right back to whatever circus they came from.

- some really solid friendships, right?
- Robert are real tight, I really enjoy working with him as a partner. Then there's Junkyard Dog, a real fine man, lots of guts, a trustworthy friend who'll never turn tail on you. And, naturally, there's Mr. Wrestling II. But it seems all the young guys in Georgia like and respect II.
- 0: Why do you think that is?
- Because he's fair, decent, and is always there for you. I could call II in the middle of the night with a problem and he'd be real nice and answer it for me, always helping me. That's why what that Kevin Sullivan did to him, plunging the dagger into II's heart, hurt I

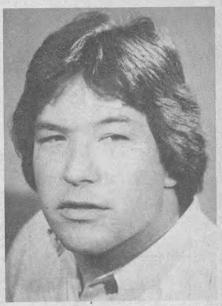


DiBiase leaps high in the air, mounts Terry Gordy's back, and will bring him down with a turn of his legs. Ted has very little regard for the Georgia champion Freebirds. But his main concern is NWA champion Harley Race. The fact that Race is champion deeply bothers Ted, and he would like to end his reign quickly.

the guy so.

- Q: Now let's talk about Harley Race and that NWA title.
- A: Gladly.
- Q: Recently you were down in Florida and during your title match with him, you tossed Race over the top rope.
- A: I got carried away. I hate Harley Race.
- Q: Why?

- A: Because Race cheats, lies, and breaks the rules. He is everything I hate about rule-breakers. And the fact that he holds the NWA title infuriates me.
- Q: How can you stop him?
- A: I'll get Harley Race's belt or quit. I'll just do what I always do, work hard, practice my moves. And always keep his



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face in my mind. All I have to do is visualize that creep and my juices flow and my body trembles and I'm ready to soar through the air. I'd probably take a match with Race at three in the morning, if he'd accept. I want that belt. I'm not afraid to be champion. Do you think you can whip

- Q: Do you think you can whip him? He's awfully tough.
- A: I'm tougher than Harley Race. I know, I don't expect anyone to believe me just yet. I promise to retire Harley Race. When I'm standing over Race and the belt's wrapped around my waist, then everyone will see. Then I'll be champion.
- Q: Ted, again, thanks for stopping by.
- A: And again, Stu, thank you for having me. □

## ESTLINGS

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Federation Wrestling World



**BOB BACKLUND** Champion:



1—KING KONG MOSCA

Association American Wrestling



Champion: VERNE GAGNE



1-NICK BOCKWINKEL

Wrestling National



Champion: HARLEY RACE



1-RODDY PIPER

2—ANDRE THE GIANT

Most Popular Wrestlers

**Most Hated** 

Wrestlers

Tag Teams



1-RODDY PIPER

1-DUSTY RHODES



2—SGT. SLAUGHTER



1—PAUL JONES & MASKED SUPERSTAR





2—THE MOONDOGS



STOMPER



4-HARLEY RACE



3—JESSE VENTURA & ADRIAN ADONIS



3-MONGOLIAN

2—TED DIBIASE

2—CRUSHER

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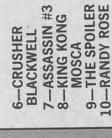








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FREEBIRDS

JIM BRUNZELI

7-MR. FUJI & TENRYU

4-THE FABULOUS

9-MASSA FUCHI &

MR. ONITA

RICK MARTEL

8-TONY GAREA &

10—DAVID & KEVIN VON ERICH





5-TONY ATLAS





4-MIL MASCARAS





4—RICK STEAMBOAT



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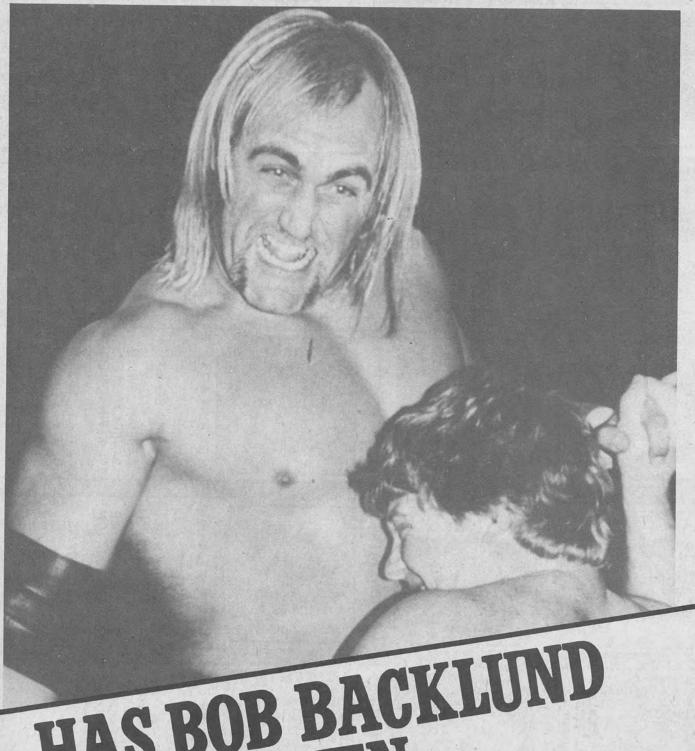






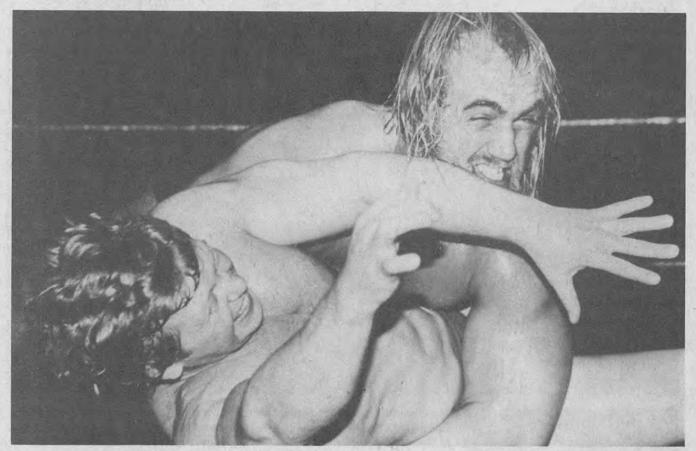






# HAS BOB BACKLUND DRIVEN HULK HOGAN INSANE?

Step by step, Hulk Hogan loses all touch with reality. He cannot understand why one so talented as he cannot receive a shot in Madison Square Garden against WWF champion Bob Backlund. By now, getting a title shot has become an obsession. A dangerous obsession. An obsession driving Hogan insane



Hulk Hogan narrowly misses pinning Bob Backlund during their WWF title match in New Haven, Connecticut. Hogan feels he rates a chance to wrestle Backlund in prestigious Madison Square Garden. His obsession with that match has altered his personality.

By Stu Saks

T TOOK A lot of fancy journalistic maneuvering to get my hands on a copy of these two contracts. I had to sweet-talk a legal secretary whom I'd dated while in school to let me look at them. When I suggested she allow me to photo-copy them, the price went up from sweet talk to a dinner. I've got credit cards, so it won't hurt until next month. Besides, the story eases any of the pain.

The contracts I copied both concern Fred Blassie. They are managerial contracts. One with Stan Hansen, the other with

Hulk Hogan.

Just to backtrack a bit, Hogan has been angry recently over Blassie's failure to get him a title shot against Bob Backlund in Madison Square Garden while Blassie arranged for newcomer Hansen to wrestle Backlund in the Garden.

Various theories were advanced as to why Hogan couldn't get a shot while Hansen did. Some believed Blassie merely favored Hansen over Hogan.

"I love 'em both, they're both great guys, great wrestlers,

they're terrific. I think they are different, yet both great," said Blassie.

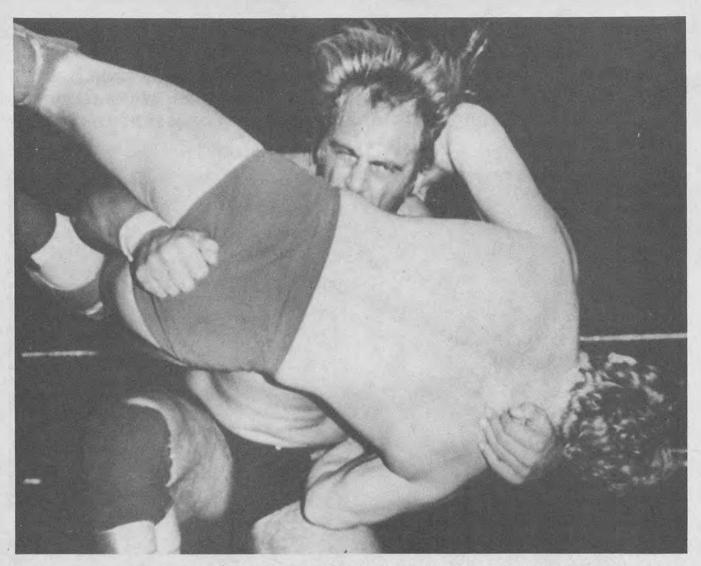
Some believed Blassie was miffed at Hogan's rising independence.

"I can't just sit back and take orders all the time," said Hogan. "I gotta think for myself."

And still another theory claimed Blassie simply felt that Hansen was more capable of defeating Backlund.

"No truth to that at all," insisted Blassie.

Well, none of these theories or any others contemplated are





correct. The simple truth of the matter is money. Hard, cold cash, the sort of motivation which makes the Fred Blassies of the world churn forward. No, not loyalty or a desire to better the sport or principles of fair play.

Big bucks, buster.

The powerful Hogan lifts Backlund in the air and drops him across his knee (above). One night before his New Haven title bout, Hogan had a run-in with referee Dick Kroll in Madison Square Garden that is still being investigated by WWF officials. Hogan felt he was wronged by Kroll and viciously attacked the veteran referee after the bout (left). Hogan continues to show signs of mental deterioration as the frustration of being denied a title shot in the Garden mounts.

That's what the contract reveals. If Hansen wrestles in the Garden, Blassie receives a higher percentage than if Hogan does. But why?

According to a senior official in the WWF, Blassie insisted on that clause in the contract. The official recalls the particulars of that meeting: "Blassie thought the Backlund-Hansen match would draw more. He's a shrewd businessman, that Blassie."

But Hogan doesn't believe that. Blassie denies the contract and insists the copy was tampered with. Hansen supports his manager. Yet there is a victim. His name is Hulk Hogan.

It may be difficult to feel much sympathy for Hogan. He is arrogant, conceited, and cruel. Yet his pain of trying to get a Garden shot has developed into wild frustration. Like the match before his New Haven bout against Backlund.

Hogan wrestled Tony Atlas. His frustrations erupted and, at the end of the match, Hogan assaulted referee Dick Kroll.

"I just wanted to hurt someone," he explained. "The referee said Atlas pinned me, yet everyone in the arena saw my foot on the ropes."

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EXCUISIVE AGE

# SLATER & FERNANDEZ—



# LOCKED IN A CAGE!

THEY WERE LOCKED in a steel cage. This match is the most insidious form of wrestling combat imaginable. Every possible aspect of a man's courage, skills, and character is tested in this unnerving, potentially catastrophic encounter.

"I ain't worried," declared

PHOTOS BY BILL APTER Slater in typical pre-match bravado.

"Well, I have confidence in myself and I think Mr. Slater's in for a rude awakening," said Manny Fernandez prior to this match.

Neither man could anticipate the depths of jungle brutality they were soon to stoop to. Neither could possibly foresee the intense savagery, the hunger for another man's very soul which would quickly engulf them and transport both men into another dimension.

This dimension loses all touch with any known earthly reality. In it, all rules are suspended. Anything goes.

They were locked into the ultimate test of a man's courage. Surrounded by steel, Manny Fernandez and Dick Slater battled through each other for victory. There could be no retreat, no cowardice. This match would show who was the better man. And who would be the unmoving body

Even the simplest form of human kindness is replaced by barbarism. They wish to destroy each other. And that transforms a man.

"Worried, why should I worry?" said Slater. "He's a

punk. I'll annihilate him."

Slater was recently stripped of his Southern title for failure to consistently defend it. Later Sweet Brown Sugar won the title in an elimination match against Masked Assassin #1. Fernandez recently returned to Florida, intent on rising back to the top.

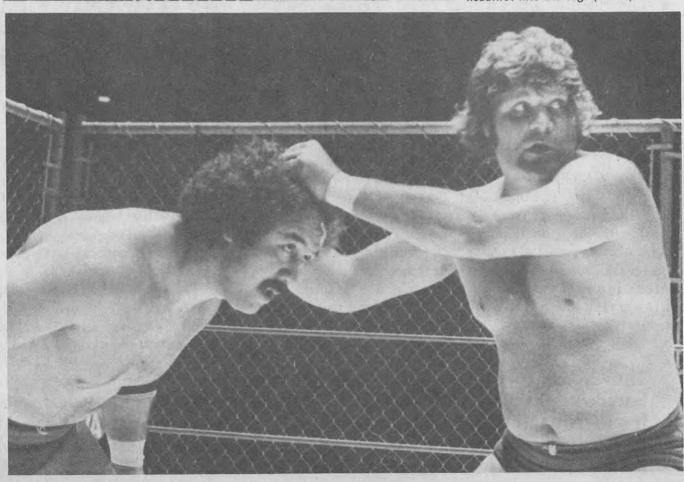
"This is a very important match for me," said Fernandez. "And that's why I took it. I knew my abilities would be pushed to the limit. I wanted to prove to everyone that Manny Fernandez has what it takes to be champion."

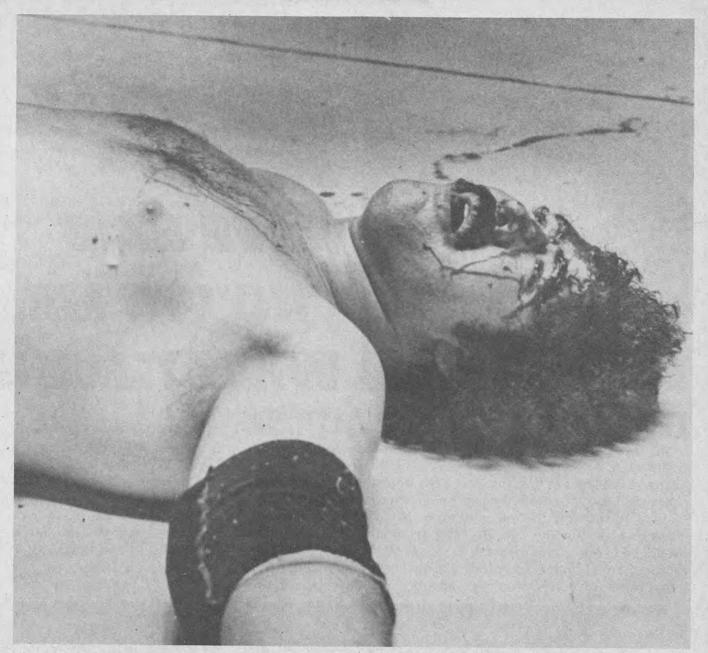
His words echoed that of other young wrestlers determined to demonstrate their courage in this horrific steel cage match. Some have survived. Some have not. Fernandez was one of the lucky ones.

They lashed out at each other with everything they had. But

Early in the match, it seemed like a typical wrestling bout, as Fernandez applies a reverse hammerlock (left). Eventually, however, the brutality of the Cage Match surfaced. Slater grabs Fernandez by the hair and drives him headfirst into the cage (below).







Seemingly beaten (above), Fernandez somehow found the strength to continue when he saw Slater claim victory. Manny backs Slater into a corner and mounts a vicious attack (below).



even that wasn't enough. They drew deep upon their resources to conceive the most brutal of tactics. Even Fernandez, considered a gentleman, realized it had to reach new levels of brutality if he were to survive.

"No nice guy with Slater, or he'll kill you," said Fernandez.

Midway through the match, both men battered and exhausted beyond human endurance, Slater tried to escape. But Fernandez, sensing the kill, leaped after Slater and wrenched him back down in the cage.

"He wouldn't get away from me," declared Fernandez.

No, Slater couldn't escape. He attempted a figure-four leglock, a relatively new move for the veteran rulebreaker. But Fernandez reversed the figure-four, taking the life out of Slater.

"Right then and there, I knew I had him," said Fernandez. "He was plum frightened and he had no heart left."

Fernandez won. Slater lost. But the question remains: What deep, profound effects were inflicted upon these two men?

The steel cage. It always wins.



# WHY TONY ATLAS SHOULD HAVE SAID ''NO'' TO MR. WRESTLING II

ON CARSON HAS a ready explanation.

"Man's a dope, a fool, a buffoon. A Snickers candy bar has more intelligence than him. I almost feel sorry for him. A man that stupid shouldn't be let out alone at night. Or the day. He should be in one of them homes for fools. Yup, I do feel sorry for him. Course, that didn't stop me

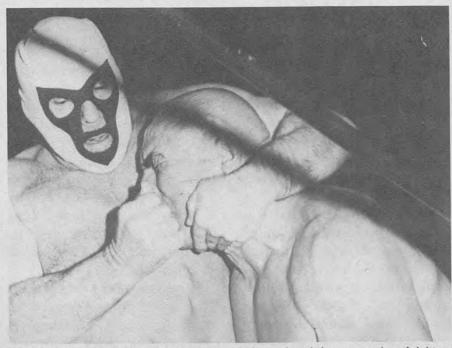
and my good buddy Mongolian Stomper from squashing his little face and that senior citizen Mr. Wrestling II."

The object of Carson's tirade is none other than Mr. USA, Tony Atlas. What should've been a rather simple tag team match pitting Atlas and II against Carson and Stomper, turned into an emotional dissection of Atlas'

career.

But what are the issues involved here? Did Atlas make a mistake accepting II's invitation to join him in a tag team? Is Atlas wandering down a disastrous path to his ultimate dream of a world title? Was Atlas mistaken in thinking this tag team match would help his career?

"Well. I don't know what all



Mr. Wrestling II holds Mongolian Stomper by the neck and throws a series of rights at his head (above). Bounding off the ropes, Stomper runs directly into Tony Atlas' powerful right hand (right).



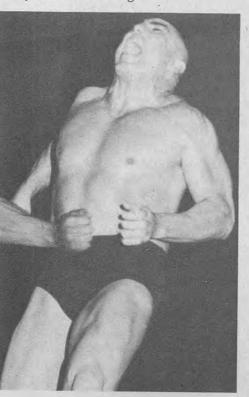
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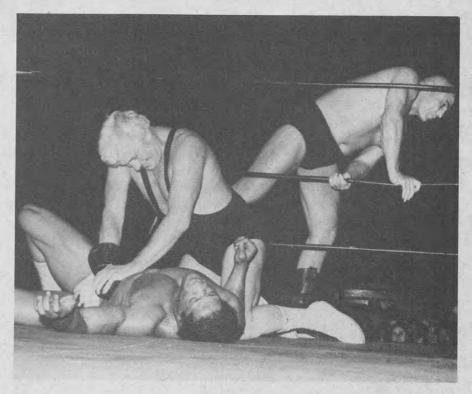
the fuss is about, really," said Atlas. "Me and II are real good friends. I owe an awful lot to Mr. Wrestling II for all his past kindnesses and all the time he's helped me grow as a person and a wrestler."

"So I really don't know why I should've even thought more than a few seconds when he suggested we form this tag team and take on them animals Stomper and Carson," continued Atlas. "Just bein' in the same ring as a man like II and workin' with him is one of the greatest thrills I ever did have."

Evidently, Atlas enjoyed wrestling with II. But the question remains whether it is in his best interests to concern himself with wrestling in a tag team instead of focusing his attention upon Harley Race and the NWA championship.

"I've always been a firm believer in the well-rounded athlete," said II. "I think a man should be versed in all aspects of the sport. When someone wrestles exclusively as an individual or in a tag team, he denies himself a very important part of wrestling.





When will Tony Atlas learn to say no?
Throughout his career, Atlas has embodied kindness and decency. He cannot say no to a friend, especially not close friend Mr. Wrestling II. Yet when Atlas accepted II's generous offer to form a tag team, the young muscleman committed the most serious mistake of his career



Don Carson, trying to penetrate Atlas' stomach muscles, will soon get help from the Stomper (top). Atlas will not have much trouble powering his way out of Carson's grip (above).

"Let's dismantle the two worlds for a second. When you wrestle as an individual, you're faced with an enormous burden. It's you against him. You have no feeling of relying on anyone. If you louse up, well, then it's your body that gets carried outta the ring. Also, I think this is most important. You don't have as much time as you do in a tag team match. You have to accelerate every move when you're alone. Now I'm not saying

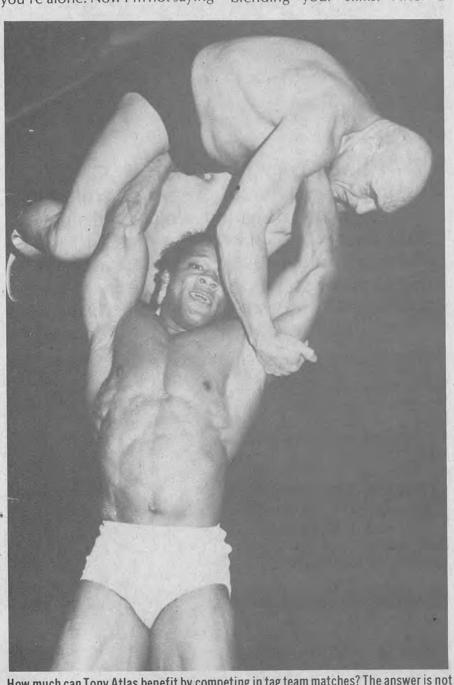
it isn't good, heck, you learn a lot about wrestling and you learn a lot about yourself when you wrestle as an individual. But there are benefits to working in a tag team that all young wrestlers, like Tony, should know about.

"When you're in a tag team, naturally, you have the chance to observe someone else wrestle. So that's a learning process right then and there. But you also get the feel for teamwork, for blending your skills. After a

while, you can see what won't work in a given situation. I think the added responsibility for your partner's safety is really important. That's why I think Tony should contract for tag team matches. He's real talented and I think he's going to be world champion someday. And he'll thank himself for all the different wrestling experiences he would have had."

Atlas agrees.

"I like to wrestle in a tag team,



How much can Tony Atlas benefit by competing in tag team matches? The answer is not very much. But Atlas is more concerned with helping a friend than getting ahead in the sport. Tony lifts Stomper high in the air (above) and is momentarily at Carson's mercy (above right).



'specially with II," he said. "He's a great man and I learn a lot from him. But, you know, I don't care none for all this talk about what Tony Atlas shouldn't be doin' or that Tony Atlas shouldn't be pumpin' iron or anythin' like that.

"I'm real proud of myself for what I've done and accomplished. Sure, I ain't won that NWA title from Race yet, but I'm gonna whup him real soon. And when I stand over Race's body, it'll be 'cause I did everythin' imaginable to help myself. I kept my body good, learned how to compete in body-buildin' tournaments and tag teams and individual matches. Once I win the NWA title, I'm gonna make darn sure I'm ready to defend it for a real long time."

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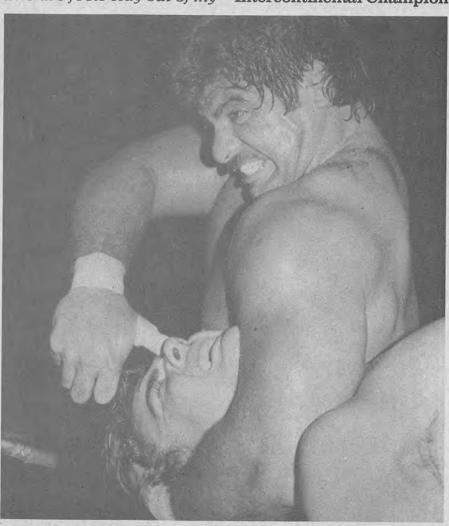
# 60 Bapsule Profile

HE IS BIG, mean, and tough ("I take care of my body for it takes care of me") . . . First gained his infamous reputation while in Florida ("Problem with those wrestlers was they broke far too easily when I crushed them") . . . While in Florida, he was managed by Sir Oliver Humperdink ("Rooster and I have remained good friends, not this fair-weather business so many lesser beings indulge in") . . . Two of his most diabolical maneuvers in Florida were the Asiatic Spike and the Asian Hammer ("It took me a long time to get them as wonderful as they are. I wanted them to be the perfect instruments of destruction")... However, NWA authorities tried to ban his Asiatic Hammer, calling it an illegal piledriver ("Such nonsense. How could desk-chair fools who never wrestled understand the complex dynamics of a wrestling maneuver?")

### **MAGNIFICENT MURACO**

. . . Despite fierce NWA pressure, he continued to use any maneuver he wanted ("I determine what I shall do and when. Let others who are fools stay out of my

each other. He is a great man who recognizes my own greatness") . . . Right now, he has targeted WWF champion Bob Backlund and Intercontinental Champion

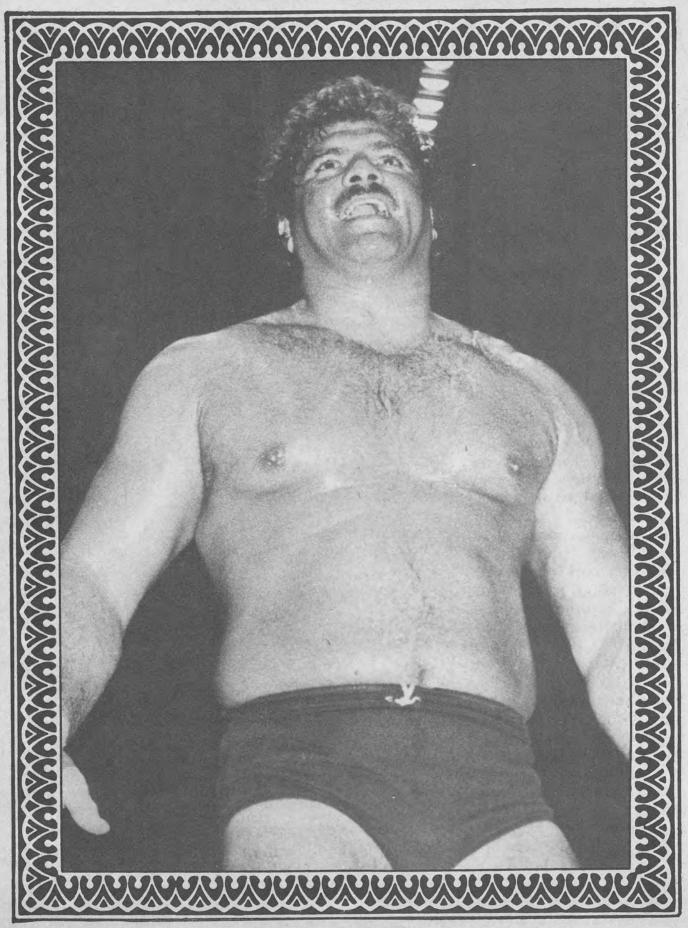


No part of the anatomy is sacred when Don Muraco goes on the attack. "The Magnificent One" jabs his thumb right into the eye of Barry Windham in Florida. Now, under the guidance of The Grand Wizard, Muraco has brought his violent brand of wrestling to the WWF, and Bob Backlund is his target.

life")... Now he has moved into the WWF ("I like it up here. I only hope I can get more competition than I did in Florida")... Currently managed by The Grand Wizard ("We understand

Pedro Morales ("Neither is even fit to shine my shoes, but it is their belts I covet") ... Will not rest until victory is his ("I will get what I want and pity the man who tries to stop me").

### **CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP**



# WHERT HEY MOW? ARE THEY MOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!



### JIM GARVIN

Ever-popular Jim Garvin now delights and excites capacity crowds throughout Louisiana. Garvin, who has held an assortment of tag team belts, vows to continue to work hard, both at his ring game and at pleasing the fans, until he once again wins a major title.

### **BARON VON RASCHKE**

Baron Von Raschke entered the AWA and discovered old friend Mad Dog Vachon disabled, the result of a Crusher Blackwell attack. Now Von Raschke has threatened vengeance, no matter the cost, on Blackwell. Von Raschke says he will not be satisfied until Blackwell is destroyed.



### **BOBBY JAGGERS**

Jaggers has moved into the Kansas City, St. Louis, and Oklahoma areas. Rumors persist Jaggers may be managed by J.J. Dillon while wrestling there. The current hot feud involving Jaggers has him going against fan favorite Terry Taylor in a series of nasty wars.

### **JOS LeDUC**

Bad guy Jos LeDuc has joined the Don Carson stable in Georgia. Already, LeDuc seems infected with the same sadistic poisons that Mongolian Stomper, the other member of the Carson stable, has demonstrated on more than one brutal occasion. LeDuc is the cause of much Georgia mayhem.





**DUSTY RHODES** 

(Mere words cannot accurately convey the depths of hatred exploding between Oliver Humperdink and Dusty Rhodes. For a while, they were bitter rivals. Then Humperdink's wrestler at the time, Ivan Koloff, lost a Valet Match to Rhodes. As a result, Humperdink had to serve as Rhodes' valet for 30 days. After that experience, Humperdink turned good guy manager and he and Rhodes developed a tentative friendship. Then, Humperdink turned bad again, amassing a stable of vicious lunatics like Masked Assassin #1 and #3,

current North American tag team champions. Rhodes has vowed to destroy "The Rooster" for this treachery. And Humperdink has threatened to drive Rhodes out of Florida. They meet again, "One on One.") **DUSTY RHODES:** 

Ah, the traitor.

OLIVER HUMPERDINK:

Traitor, man, then I guess I gotta call you the buffoon.

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DR: Why call me a buffoon?

OH: 'Cause you could never

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figure out what I was doin', could you? You were so eager to have someone bring your size 52 suits to the cleaners and clean up your mess, you couldn't figure out that I was duping you in a manner befitting my genius so I could have the ultimate weapon of your destruction.

DR: Only 'cause you're a slimy tapeworm that ate and gnawed at my insides. Besides, I don't like you

callin' my place a mess.

OH: No? I had to clean up. There was garbage all over the place. Hey, I tried to be a good valet. First time I tried to answer the phone, I couldn't find it. It was stuck under a pile of clothes.

DR: Which you should atook to the laundry if you weren't so busy runnin' through my files and searchin' for my secret information.

OH: I couldn't lift your laundry.



SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK

You know how heavy 36 extra extra extra large shirts are? I nearly ruptured myself. And you say I went through your files. I never did that.

DR: Then what were you doin' with a crowbar enterin' my private study unless you were plannin' on breakin' into my safe?

OH: I needed a crowbar to get past the garbage. I've never seen so many half-eaten tuna sandwiches. And the spaghetti on the walls. First time I saw it, I thought they were snakes.

DR: You were the only snake.

OH: Oh, Dusty, Dusty, Dusty. You are so incredibly simple, you know that? You're like a big overgrown kid with the mind of a feeble old man. You really thought I cared about bein' your friend? You



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In just a short time since turning on Rhodes, Humperdink has formed the nucleus of a deadly stable of rulebreakers in Florida. Oliver accompanies his latest find, Mr. Pogo, into the ring.

think I'd lower my standards just 'cause you happened to cheat one of my men out of victory?

**DR:** I never cheated in my whole life. But I've been cheated.

OH: I did what I had to do. I am the only person in Florida who recognizes you for the menace you are. I know that you are a fat, slow, slob who needs about half an hour to button his shirt. I know all your secrets now, Rhodes. I know you are inept and you're wrestling on borrowed time.

**DR:** Who's gonna borrow my time from me, fatso?

OH: Fatso? Did I have a tailor come in twice a week to let out my pants. Uh-uh. I keep myself in shape. I've seen the inside of your refrigerator, tubby.

**DR:** You opened my refrigerator? How dare you!

**OH:** I was hungry. I was so busy scrubbing the floors I got a craving for food.

**DR:** You tampered with my personal stash?

OH: Your personal food stash, Rhodes, could feed all of Central America. I've never seen so many frozen pizzas in all my life.

DR: That's my energy food. You

Humperdink attends to his "friend" Dusty Rhodes, who is severely cut after a match months ago. All the while, Oliver was biding his time until the day when the manager turned on "The American Dream."

are shameless, Humperdink.

OH: No, I'm just doing a public service by disclosing how you are a big fat phony. I want the whole world to know that Dusty Rhodes hides brass knuckles in his closet and . . .

DR: Lies!

OH: And how Dusty Rhodes has a carton of tiny pencils to gouge out wrestlers' eyes . . .

DR: More lies!

OH: And how Dusty Rhodes has a secret pouch in his trunks to hide blinding powder.

DR: You are disgustin', Humperdink. No one out there is gonna believe you.

OH: You better believe they will once my Masked Assassins whip you around the ring and I order referees to frisk you before the match. Then, without your cheating, you'll be powerless and all of wrestling will know the truth of Dusty Rhodes.

DR: Just wait, Humperdink.

OH: Won't be long now.

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### **DRESSING ROOM DOOR**

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Ivan Putski and Tito Santana double-team Afa the Samoan during a WWF title defense last January at Madison Square Garden (above). Putski returned to the WWF to wrestle Sika the Samoan in the Garden this past December (below). Now a depressed and frustrated Putski has left the area again.

a frenzy every time he appeared. He seemed so happy.

Then why was he 1,800 miles away, sitting hurt and depressed in a hotel room?

The answer was an obvious one. Perhaps even too obvious for anyone to really see. Ivan Putski is too proud to let anyone see.

He tried to explain it to me, and it was obvious how hard it was for him to force out the words. "Everybody," he stated, "everybody in all walks of life, no matter what their purpose is on this earth, has a destination. Something to strive for. Something to dedicate himself to. Something that ultimately makes everything, no matter how difficult or painful, seem worthwhile."

Ivan paused and took a deep breath before continuing his thought.

"For as many years as I can remember, it seemed that my destination, my reason for being,



was to be something like a wrestling policeman. Through my God-given Polish Power, I was able to maintain some order in this crazy sport where the guys who break the rules are often rewarded more than the guys who are decent human beings."

There was silence at the other

end of the line.

Finally, Putski blurted out what he has wanted to say for a long time. "Damnit, I want a shot at the WWF title. I want to wrestle Bob Backlund!"

This is a serious problem. For so long, Ivan was content to work alongside the champion and now he wants to be champion. "It's not the personal glory I'm looking for," he told me. "I just feel I would be in a better position to keep control in the sport if I was the number-one man. All I'm asking for is a chance to see if I could be the number-one man."

And there lies the root of the problem. Putski is not the first scientific wrestler to be frustrated in an attempt to secure a title shot with the WWF champion. "I don't blame Bob at all," Ivan said. "The Federation is under a lot of pressure from guys like Albano, Wizard, and Blassie. They always seem to keep their men in the number-one slot. You have to give them a lot of credit there."

Ivan feels snubbed, and he is very hurt.

"If they wanted to give me a shot, they would. Hey, I know when I'm not wanted."

It's sad Ivan feels like this. If he were to stay in the WWF, he would doubtlessly be the first in line for a title shot should Backlund be defeated, which is a good possibility considering the caliber of men Albano, Wizard, and Blassie bring in.

In the meantime, there is a lot to be done. The Moondogs are running amuck as WWF tag team champions, and Backlund and Intercontinental Champion Pedro Morales don't have the time to do anything about it. I asked Ivan if he would consider coming back to the area to challenge The Moondogs. He said he'd consider it.

I think I'll call Tito Santana.

### **BACKLUND - HOGAN**

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Through each match, Hogan's madness grows. He flies off the handle quicker. He grows more inarticulate even before the matches and berserk during the matches. All he needs to go crazy is one choice word from a fan and he abandons all his careful training in favor of mayhem.

This obsession with wrestling Backlund in the Garden now impairs Hogan's judgement. He was shown the copy of the contract yet ignored it.

"Not true, Fred wouldn't do that to me," he muttered.

Why won't Hogan admit that Blassie may be selling him out? Even if Blassie isn't selling him out and made that decision on a cold, ruthless business angle, Hogan is growing more desperate, more fanatic, his thought processes more befuddled by this one crowning moment in his career.

Hogan thinks he cannot look at himself in the mirror until he wrestles Backlund in the Garden. Literally. For a man as conceited as Hogan not to admire himself in the mirror reveals a shrinking self-image. And to continue to prop himself up, Hogan clutches onto Blassie's friendship while, strange as it may sound, talking himself up even more. Yet the undercurrent of doubt persists.

"Hulk Hogan is the greatest. Right? Hogan is the best, none can compare with me, isn't that so, who else, huh, no one, yeah, I'm the greatest, I'll be untouchable once I wrestle in the Garden against Howdy Doody, none can compare, no one is good, right, isn't that so? Isn't it true Hogan's the best, right, isn't he, me aren't I..."

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### **BODYSLAMS & PINFALLS**

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A physician tends to Patterson's wounds after the melee. Dan Shocket feels Pat deserves every stitch he got.

get out of the ring with his vellow ribbon safely in place.

It is important to note that the Three Stooges earned their money. Slaughter proved three against one isn't the worst of odds. He more than held his own. The tedious trio almost got their pinheads handed to them. Slaughter is a man, which makes him more than a match for any three friends of Patterson.

One might assume that even the average wrestling fan, whose intelligence is comparable to the average cucumber, would be enraged by this gang attack on Slaughter. That's what you get for overestimating cucumbers. Instead, the fans feel Slaughter should pay Patterson \$10,000 (it is close to funeral expenses). The next time Patterson meets Slaughter, his survivors will need the money.

Pat Patterson doesn't belong in the same ring with Sgt. Slaughter or any other top wrestler. As for his hideous henchmen, they don't belong in professional sports. There is no excuse for their cowardly gang warfare. The wrestling authorities should fine them heavily. Perhaps the fines should be equal to the amount Patterson paid them to be his bodyguards. It would be justice to see those creeps suffer their lumps for nothing.

As one might expect, the WWF is refusing to take any action. The spineless commissioners aren't about to take an action the fans won't like. Instead of upholding order within their ranks, the commissioners have declared open season on any man the fans don't like. The WWF is disgracing itself once again.

No sane person would blame Slaughter if he decided to leave the area immediately. No one would expect a professional to jeopardize his career by staying. Yet, Slaughter is a

man of principle. He has decided to stay.

"Patterson and his thugs," Slaughter declares. "can't drive me out. They have to be taught a lesson. I'll get even with all of them. Patterson is finished in wrestling, mark my words. There's no way I can forgive them. It may be the next time or the time after that, but I'll end that bum's career within a year. That's a promise.

"As for the other three, I have my own plans. Martel is young and stupid, so I might spare him. Garea is slime, the lowest of the low. There's no hope for him. He's through, finished. That's a Sgt. Slaughter promise. I don't care about DeNucci. He's not worth breaking a sweat over. Besides, if I drive him from wrestling, who'll shine Sammartino's shoes?

"I'm not worried. . Patterson can go to court to collect his money. It won't do him any good. There's no jury in the world, after seeing tapes of the match, that would say I owe Patterson a cent. The only thing I owe Patterson no jury will have to make me pay. I can't wait to settle up that debt.

"The four of them are doomed. You can take that to the bank-and put it next

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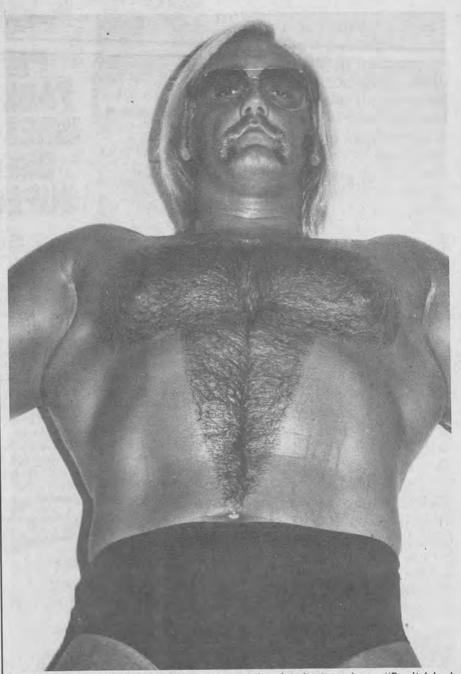
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Here's a photo of Hulk Hogan just a few weeks after he turned pro. "Don't I look magnificent!" he boasted upon seeing this shot. The rumor mill says that the Hulk turned down \$10,000 to pose for a world famous painter.

### RUMOR VS. FACT

RUMOR: Hulk Hogan turned down \$10,000 to pose for Japan's most famous painter because he believes he is too beautiful to be accurately portrayed on a canvas!

FACT: We have to believe the ridiculous rumor was started by WWF manager Fred Blassie, who has quite an imagination. We wrote our Japanese correspondent, and he personally spoke to Yadashari Monohara, the famed portrait painter, who flatly denied any desire to paint Hogan.

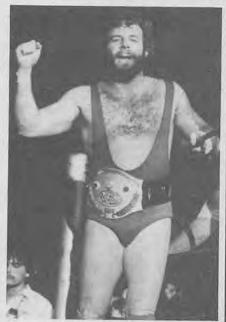
RUMOR: Ernie Ladd has quit professional wrestling to form his answer to the Harlem Globetrotters. Ladd plans to sign Tony Atlas, Bobo Brazil, Sweet Brown Sugar, Sweet Ebony Diamond, Ray Candy, and Rocky Johnson to play for the team.

FACT: Ladd, as is common knowledge, once played professional football. We don't however, have any information concerning his prowess with a basketball. Bet he can spin a ball on his thumb pretty well!

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Mike Graham is all smiles after creaming Assassin #1 over the head with a chair—causing much damage to the man's mask.

his head in Florida. Staggering around the ring, the Assassin did not try to mask his feelings and vowed revenge.

DINO BRAVO stubbed his toe playing a home video game and has wrestled in pain for the past two weeks. Way to be a trooper, Dino.

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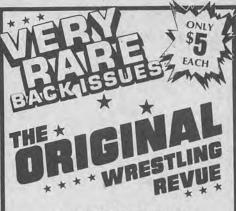
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have a double, but Tommy would keep on chuggin' around the base and try and make it a triple, get thrown out by 20 feet. Just 'cause he hadda do more, always pushin' himself.

"Another time I recall there was this real twerp in our 10th grade English class, a real wise-guy. No one liked him. And he particularly didn't like Tommy. But Tommy would try and make this guy his friend 'cause it just ate away at his gut that someone didn't like him. He couldn't stand that."



His face smeared with blood, Rich drops upon his helpless opponent during a Texas Street Fight. Once again, however, Tommy appreciates a clean, scientific match.

Jones paused and picked at his fingernails, lost in thought.

"He always had to be number one, always had to be the best, always drivin' himself beyond what a person should do. Every so often I'd tell Tommy that he should relax, take it easy from time to time, not get so hard on himself," said Jones.

"But he'd never listen. He was awfully afraid of lettin' people down. You know, he and his momma are real close and she was always mighty proud of him. He never wanted to disappoint her. he would do anythin' possible not to

disappoint that wonderful lady."

Again Jones paused.

"But, I tell you, when he entered wrestlin', I thought sure as shootin' he'd zoom right to the top. He was exactly the kinda guy who would be so successful in a sport like that. He'd never let up. Plus all those fans lovin' him musta made Tommy real happy. He always did like it when people liked him."

And then the question, once again, why?

"Maybe after Tommy lost to Race, found he just couldn't whip the critter, he felt bad. Maybe he felt like he was lettin' down people. Maybe he was afraid people would stop likin' him if he wasn't champion. Maybe he was ashamed at his failures and just maybe he was afraid of lettin' down his momma."

Now Jones twisted his fingers in a whitened ball.

"But one thing that no one could ever get through that thick skull of his was that we never did care what he accomplished. Oh sure, we would be proud and all, you always are when you care about someone.

"But Tommy never could understand we liked him for himself. We didn't care a whit about how many matches he won-'cause he'd be the same ol' Tommy Rich to us. We just wanted him to be happy. I guess he felt like he couldn't face folks after losin' the title matches so he got so bent and twisted he just went crazy for a while.

"Nope, he doesn't like to talk about it with me. He just would rather dismiss it and all, not say anythin' about it, keep it locked up, sort of. I know he talked about it to the press, but with me, we're just buddies.

"I guess that's the best sign of all; that Tommy can just be himself again."

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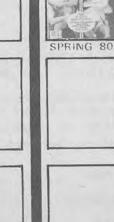
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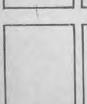










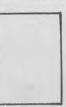


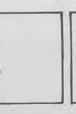
















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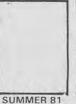
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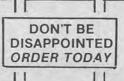
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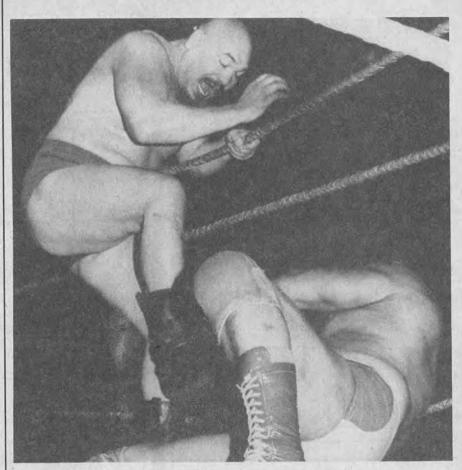
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"Sincerely Yours" contributor Ted Ngrew feels rulebreakers disgrace the sport of wrestling. Men like Killer Khan can kick Pedro Morales below the belt, but wouldn't be able to stand in the same ring with the Intercontinental champion if forced to stay within the rules.

### HE CRIES

You know. I'm sick and tired of some of the fans who write in and say how great the rulebreakers are. They are nothing but slime who break the rules. They are so lousy at wrestling that I cry when I watch them.

Scientific wrestlers are the best wrestlers in the world. They can tell a move from the other. Rulebreakers don't even know what to do. I think they're a disgrace.

TED NGREW Vernon, CT

### BAN HUMPERDINK!

Sir Oliver Humperdink is an absolute bum! The way he turned around and betrayed all his friends and the fans was the singlemost sickening act of treachery I have ever seen in my 14 years of



Sir Oliver Humperdink laments R.T. Tyler's new appearance after his wrestler loses a head-shaving match to Dusty Rhodes.

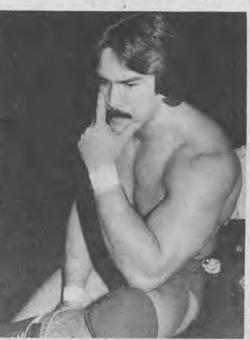
following wrestling.

I have to admit Humperdink had me fooled. I thought he had finally turned over a new leaf on life. And I don't blame Dusty Rhodes for wanting him skinned alive. With those North American champions, Masked Assassin #1 and #3, running crazy in Florida. Humperdink is certainly a menace. But not a menace that he can't be stopped.

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### GIVE UP, RICKY?

Boy, I get real tired seeing Rick Steamboat make a fool of himself night after night. Why doesn't he



Rick Steamboat meditates moments before entering the ring. Reader Nino Felicitas calls the Mid-Atlantic champion talentless.

just admit he doesn't have any talent, that his face isn't so hot either, and that he'll never get the U.S. title from Roddy Piper.

Steamboat is nothing more than a pretty boy who hasn't one decent move or one ounce of courage. He runs at the first sign of trouble. He can't stay in the ring too long or else he'll get his pretty face all messed up. Maybe Steamboat should've stayed in Japan.

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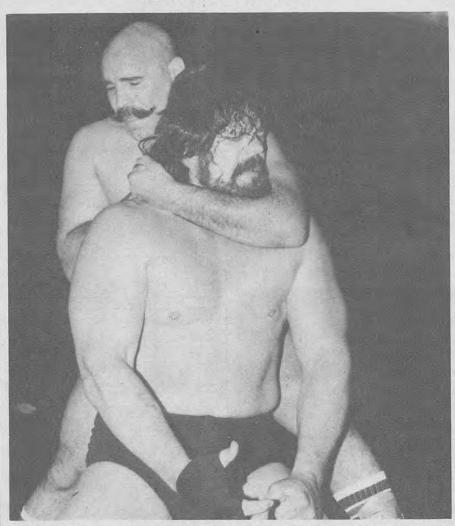
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With blood streaming down the side of his face and Hussein choking him from behind, Blackjack Mulligan appears to be garnering the strength to mount a counter-attack (above). With vicious swiftness, Mulligan knees Hussein in the thigh and follows with a left-right combination to the Arab's face (below).





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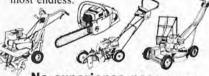
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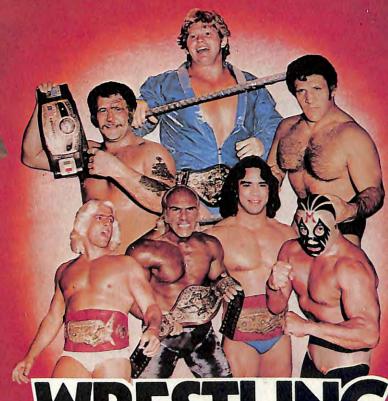
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